

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of:**

James W. Warner, et al.

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For: METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR  
HANDLING ARBITRARILY-SIZED  
XML IN SQL OPERATOR TREE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, please amend the application as follows. This response is being filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 11.